

**REMARKS**

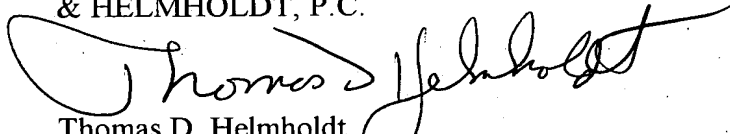
After entry of this amendment claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-20 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter previously cited in claim 9, which was indicated to include patentable subject matter. Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 16, which was indicated to include patentable subject matter. It is submitted that this amendment places all claims in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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